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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON

1. YOU MAY RECALL THE MEMCON DELIVERED JANUARY 11 TO DR. ARNOLD CONCERNING MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM THAT DAY. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ON JANUARY 10, IN RESPONSE TO MY PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS, DR. ARNOLD CONFIDED IN ME HIS INTEREST IN FLOATING HIS OWN SEPARATELY CONCEIVED PROJECT AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY, THEN MEETING IN BONN.HIS PROJECT AS I UNDERSTOOD IT WAS TO DEVELOP CULTURAL CONSULTATION AMONG THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS "AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE WORKING LEVEL" SO AS TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FRENCH (AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, BRITISH) OBJECTION. HE HAD THOUGHT HIS INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE EXTERNAL IMPLICATIONS, "PRIMARILY FOR RELATIONS WITH THE EAST." IN THE TWO DISCUSSIONS (ON JANUARY 10 AND JANUARY 11) HE APPEARED TO FEEL OUR IDEA MIGHT BE USEFUL AND COMPATIBLE WITH HIS OWN.

2. IN CASTING ABOUT FOR WAYS TO KEEP THIS ALIVE, IT
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OCCURS TO ME YOU MIGHT WANT TO CALL ON HIM THE NEAR

FUTURE TO INQUIRE WHETHER OUR IDEA SEEMS TO HIS GOVERN-
MENT TO HAVE MERIT, WHETHER THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO ADVANCE IT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, ETC. IF THE
ATMOSPHERE IS PROPITIOUS, I SUPPOSE YOU MIGHT ALSO OFFER
OUR DISCREET HELP IN DEVELOPING THE VARIOUS FORMS THE
IDEA MIGHT ASSUME.

3. OBVIOUSLY , WE WILL BE GUIDED BY YOUR JUDGMENT AS
TO HOW TO FOLLOW UP. RUSH

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